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[54] **MONITOR APPARATUS FOR SELECTING AUDIO-VISUAL UNITS AND OPERATING MODES FROM A CONTROL WINDOW**

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[57] ABSTRACT

A monitor apparatus for an audio-visual system enables a user to select a program to be displayed without being aware of audio-visual units constituting the audio-visual system. A first control window for selecting one of audio-visual units of the audio-visual system and a second control window for designating an operation mode of the selected audio-visual unit are displayed on a screen of a monitor unit. Designations of the audio-visual units are displayed in the first window, and when one of the designations is pointed by a selected device to select a corresponding audio-visual unit, available operation modes of the selected audio-visual unit are displayed in the second window. Then, when one of the operation modes is selected by the pointing device the selected audio-visual unit is put into the selected operation mode. Also an improved control menu displaying apparatus is provided.

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